garh and Calcutta by the Department of Electronics and at Delhi Pune, Hydrabad and Bhubaneshwar as part of network NICNET set up by the National Informatics Centre under Planning Commission.

(b) As a large computer centre has already been established by the Government of India at Bhubaneswar. Such a proposal is not before the Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Import of Dexamethasone

160. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dexamethasone is being imported into the country;

(b) if so, the names of the drug companies which imported Dexamethasone during the last three years, yearwise, alongwith the quantity imported by each;

(c) what is the source of import of each company and CIF Price per kg.;

(d) what are the major selling brands of Dexamethasone being marketed in the country by these importers; and

(e) what is the price at which each pack and strength of each of these formulations are being sold in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Statemet-I is annexed. (See below).

(d) and (e) Some of the popular brands of Dexamethasone with strengths as well as price of each is given in the enclosed Statement-II. (See below).

Statement — I

Information available with this Ministry regarding import of Dexamethasone and its salts is given below:—

Year	Quantity imported (in kgs.)	C.I.F. price per kg. (in Rs.)
1985-86 . .	238	37,755
1986-87 . .	296.367	39,650
1987-88 . .	470.250	39,146

Dexamaethasone is generally imported from Italy, Spain, Switzerland, France and Portugal.

Statement-II

Some of the popular brands of Dexamethasone with strength as well as price of each is given below:—

Brand Name	Strength	Price
1. Dexo inj.	4 mg per ml.	2 ml. Rs. 6.85
Tablets	0.5 mg	10 tablets Rs. 2.51
2. Decadrong tab.	0.5 mg	10 tablets Rs. 2.21
3. Idizone Tablet	0.5 mg	10 tablets Rs. 1.51
Injection	4 mg per ml.	2 ml. Rs. 4.38
4. Wymesone Tab.	0.5 mg	10 tablets Rs. 2.47
Injection	4 mg per ml.	2 ml. Rs. 6.62